

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11 and 18 have been canceled.

New claims 23 and 24 have been introduced.

Claims 4-8, 10, 12-17 and 19-20 were amended for proper dependency on an independent claim.

Page 3, lines 20-22 and page 17, lines 15-19 of the specification as published refer to removal of "the bulk of" the water and oil during the freeze-drying process to form the porous bodies of the invention.

Contrary to the assertion by the Examiner in the Advisory Action, a person skilled in the art generally understands the meaning of "the bulk of" to be "substantially all", i.e., greater than say 90%.

Such a meaning is clear from the specification as a whole when the *intention* of the freeze-drying process is understood, i.e., to remove all the liquid phases to leave only the water-soluble polymeric material and the water-insoluble material behind – see page 19, lines 9-13 – however in practice the skilled person knows that removal of 100% of the liquid would probably not be likely, hence use of the words "substantially all" or "the bulk of".

See page 19, lines 24-26 for a discussion of a "continuous aqueous phase" and "discontinuous oil phase".

Care has been taken not to introduce any new matter.

Please consider the Rule 132 Declaration submitted with the Amendment After Final on August 26, 2010.

CONCLUSION

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided.

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